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## Rockville Earns Top Score for LGBTQ Support for Second Year

*City Scores Perfect Marks on Human Rights Campaign's Municipal Equality Index*

For the second consecutive year, Rockville has scored perfect marks on the Human Rights Campaign's Municipal Equality Index for its commitment to the health, welfare, safety and equality of its lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer community.

The seventh annual Municipal Equality Index scorecard, released Oct. 8, analyzes and rates 506 municipalities across the country, measuring them for the inclusivity of laws, policies and services for their LGBTQ communities.

Rockville scored 100/100 on the scorecard, along with Columbia and Frederick, out of the 10 Maryland towns and cities on the 2018 scorecard. Categories by which municipalities are judged include non-discrimination laws, trans-inclusive healthcare benefits and leadership on LGBTQ issues.

The Mayor and Council on Sept. 17 discussed how the city can enhance its policies and practices to make Rockville even more inclusive of the LGBTQ community. For video and more

information about the discussion, visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter).

One of the Mayor and Council's priority initiatives is to "Review existing codes and policies based on the scoring of the Human Rights Campaign's Municipal Index and identify modifications to enhance LGBT nondiscrimination." A list of the initiatives is on the City of Rockville's website, [www.rockvillemd.gov/priorityinitiatives](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/priorityinitiatives).

The MEI report can be found at [www.hrc.org/mei](http://www.hrc.org/mei). ✚

### 2018 MEI Maryland Rankings

Rockville	100
Columbia	100
Frederick	100
Towson	91
Baltimore	89
College Park	86
Annapolis	59
Bowie	58
Gaithersburg	57
Hagerstown	32

## Mayor and Council Name Taylor-Ferrell as New City Clerk

The Mayor and Council have named Deputy City Clerk Sara Taylor-Ferrell as City Clerk/Director of Council Operations.

Taylor-Ferrell began her career with the City of Rockville as a temporary employee in 1995. She joined the City Clerk's Office in 1996 and has served in multiple roles in that office.

"Rockville has some important initiatives coming up and I'm excited to get moving on them," Taylor-Ferrell said. "The work of the City Clerk/Director of Council Operations Office is an important way for the community to connect to their Mayor and Council."

The City Clerk's Office/Director of Council Operations plays a critical role, acting as the liaison between the Mayor and Council and the community, attending all Mayor and Council, and designated board and commission, meetings; managing the Mayor and Council's legislative processes; administering fair and impartial city elections; managing board and



Sara Taylor-Ferrell.

commission activities, including appointment notifications, staffing and training for board and commission members; and maintaining and preserving the official public record of the Mayor and Council, including oversight of the city's archives.

The City Clerk/Director of Council Operations can be reached by phone at 240-314-8280 or by email at [cityclerk@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:cityclerk@rockvillemd.gov). ✚

## City Hall, Facilities to Close Several Days this Month

Rockville City Hall will be closed for Election Day on Nov. 6, in observance of Veterans Day on Nov. 12, and on Thanksgiving and Nov. 23. Other city facilities will be closed or will operate on limited schedules.

- **Tuesday, Nov. 6** (Election Day): City Hall, Rockville Senior Center, Glenview Mansion and the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre box office will be closed. Lincoln Park and Thomas Farm community centers will be open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Twinbrook Community Recreation Center will be open regular hours, 6 a.m.-9:30 p.m. All other city facilities will be open, and recycling and trash will be collected, as usual.
- **Monday, Nov. 12** (Veterans Day observed): City Hall, the senior center, Glenview Mansion and the theater box office will be closed. Croydon Creek Nature Center is closed on Mondays. All other city facilities will open as usual. Recycling and trash will be suspended and will be made one day later through the week, *continued on pg. 8...*

## Community Packs Town Hall Meeting on Town Center Future

The Buchanan Room at VisArts was filled to capacity, Tuesday, Oct. 9, for a Mayor and Council town hall to discuss the future of Town Center.

"This is an opportunity for all of us," Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton explained as she opened the meeting. "We are all stakeholders in this city; we are all stakeholders in what happens in our downtown and the Town Square and the city center. And our goal tonight is to have a conversation about, how do we be successful for everyone?"

The Mayor and Council, and city staff, are working on responses to issues raised at the forum. To be notified when these responses are complete, sign up to the town hall email list at <http://eepurl.com/dL-bySM>. The Mayor and Council will hold a work session on

town center at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, at City Hall.

Newton attended the meeting with members of the City Council, City Manager Rob DiSpirito and city staff, as well as representatives from the Rockville Chamber of Commerce, and Federal Realty Investment Trust, which manages and operates Town Square and three Town Square parking garages under a public-private partnership with the city.

FRIT is soliciting comments on Rockville Town Square from the community at [courbanize.com/projects/rockville-town-square/information](http://courbanize.com/projects/rockville-town-square/information).

Rockville Town Center is a critical part of the city's economy and an important gathering place. Rockville's Mayor

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## State Responds to Mayor and Council's Request to Put I-270 Pledge in Writing

The state has responded to a request by Rockville's Mayor and Council to formally commit to not take homes or breach sound wall boundaries as part of a proposed project to widen Interstates 270 and 495.

"Our detailed evaluation will look at solutions with the strategic objectives of not affecting property and maximizing congestion relief for Marylanders," state transportation Secretary Pete K. Rahn wrote in an Oct. 19 letter to the Mayor and Council.

Sound barriers "will be treated as the right-of-way line" or "may be replaced with taller and longer barriers within the highway's right of way" if analysis shows larger barriers are required in the future, Rahn wrote.

Rahn's letter follows a Sept. 28 letter from the Mayor and Council to the governor and state transportation officials that cited

public statements by Hogan and Rahn that no homes will be taken.

"We respectfully request that Governor Hogan commit his intentions to writing and place them on the I-270 & I-495 project web site," the Mayor and Council wrote. "Additionally, please confirm that the sound walls in place will not be breached."

To read the letters in their entirety, visit <https://rockvillereports.com/state-responds-to-mayor-and-councils-request-to-put-i-270-pledge-in-writing>.

The most recent exchange follows efforts by the Mayor and Council and by Rockville communities to meet with state officials and to generate comments urging the state to protect neighborhoods abutting I-270.

To learn more and comment on the project, visit <https://495-270-p3.com/contact>. ✚

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## Tell Us About Our Good Neighbors

Rockville is a city of good neighbors. The city is seeking nominations, through 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, for its Good Neighbor Awards. The program recognizes adults or youth who are unselfishly giving back and improving the quality of life in their neighborhoods through good deeds or community service.

The 2017 honorees included community members who beautified their neighborhoods, cleared snow for neighbors, volunteered for community organizations and looked out for their neighbors. To learn more about them, visit [rockvillereports.com/rockville-recognizes-good-neighbors-who-lend-helping-hands](http://rockvillereports.com/rockville-recognizes-good-neighbors-who-lend-helping-hands).

Award nominees cannot be employed by the City of Rockville, must be a City of Rockville resident and must have made a significant contribution to an individual or their community during the 2018 calendar year. Recipients are scheduled to be honored at the Mayor and Council meeting on Monday, Dec. 3.

For nomination forms and more information, visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/goodneighbor](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/goodneighbor).

## Planning Commission to Hold Public Hearing on North Stonestreet Avenue Land Use

Rockville's Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14 on an amendment to the Comprehensive Master Plan for a portion of North Stonestreet Avenue.

The draft plan amendment is a step toward implementing recommendations in the Stonestreet Corridor Study to promote neighborhood-oriented, mixed-use development. The area under consideration is generally between Howard Avenue to the south and Spring Avenue to the north.

A draft of the plan amendment document, titled "Comprehensive Master Plan Amendment: N. Stonestreet Avenue Land Use – Public Hearing Draft," and more information about the Stonestreet study, are available at [www.rockvillemd.gov/2004/stonestreet-corridor](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/2004/stonestreet-corridor).

## Go Local This Thanksgiving with Rockville Farmers Market Fall Produce

November brings farm-fresh fall produce from regional grower/producers on the final three Saturdays of the Rockville Farmers Market.

The market offers an opportunity to add local flavor to your Thanksgiving feast with fruits and vegetables, plants and flowers, herbs, baked goods, local beer and wine, knife sharpening, meat and coffee.

It is open from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturdays, through

Nov. 17 in the jury parking lot at the corner of E. Jefferson Street (MD 28) and Monroe Street in Rockville Town Center.

The market participates in the Maryland Market Money Program. The program helps provide greater access to fresh fruits and vegetables for customers using the Farmers Market Nutrition Program; the Women, Infants, and Children Fruit and Vegetable Check Program;



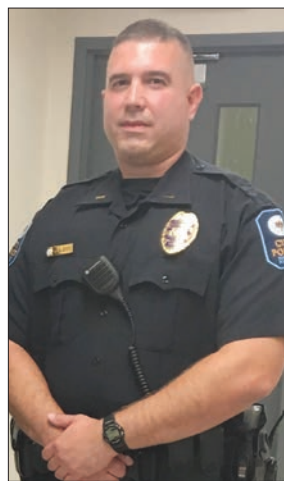
and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as food stamps). Participants' benefits are matched up to \$5 each week while funds are available. Organizations or individuals wishing to contribute to the Maryland Market Money program should

email [speialevents@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:speialevents@rockvillemd.gov).

Visit City of Rockville Farmers Market on Facebook or [www.rockvillemd.gov/farmers](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/farmers) for more information, including a list of participating vendors and a photo gallery. For more information, call 240-314-8620. ❖

## Meet a Rockville Employee:

### Lt. Andy Taglienti



Lt. Andy Taglienti was recently promoted and assigned to a new role within the Rockville City Police Department, in charge of the department's new Office of Professional Responsibility, which conducts internal affairs investigations.

#### Why the new role?

The concept of internal affairs is very broad and unique to each police department. The vast majority of departments in the United States and abroad formally employ this concept. The sole purpose to having an Internal Affairs Unit or Office of Professional Responsibility is to investigate complaints and use of force incidents. This helps to better protect our community and build trust in the integrity and reputation of the department, and our individual officers.

*You trained for your new role with the Montgomery County Department of Police. What did that involve?*

A 30-day assignment

to observe how and eventually assist with the Montgomery County Police Department's internal investigations program. I received instruction on receiving complaints, how to conduct a detailed investigation and proper interviews, and how to analyze dispatch tapes, police reports, and audio and video recordings.

#### What are the benefits of the change to how internal investigations are done?

Outstanding police departments such as ours must always look to improve our operations. Professionalizing our department must be seen as an ongoing process, and how we conduct internal

affairs investigations is critical to our mission and success. The Rockville City Police Department has historically completed their own comprehensive investigations. In the past, a supervisor or investigator

designated by the chief of police was assigned to complete the investigation. Now, with a dedicated OPR, investigations can be carried out by an unbiased investigator who specializes in this type of work. This frees up supervisors to focus on regular supervisory duties and our core responsibility: to make our community safe and resilient.

Investigators are bound by stringent rules when conducting investigations. An OPR is an office of un-

paralleled integrity that provides effective control and conduct accountability through comprehensive proactive and reactive investigations, inspections and adjudications. The office also collects extensive statistical data that can be used to analyze trends that may impact policy and training.

#### Why is this important for our community?

Police departments must ensure that their policies reflect the values of their communities and that specific policies address issues like use of force, resident complaints, public demonstrations and de-escalation. An OPR demonstrates to our officers and the communities we serve that we respect the professionalization of this function from all perspectives. This unbiased review process can help build trust and legitimacy with the community, and reinforces the importance of accountability and transparency in police actions. ❖



**Winter is coming!  
And snow!**

Get an **Alert Rockville** account at [www.rockvillemd.gov/alerts](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/alerts).

Receive public safety, traffic and severe weather notifications from the City of Rockville.

And to be even more in-the-know when it snows, visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/winterweather](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/winterweather).



**IT'S A SMALL (BUSINESS) WORLD ...** The Mayor and Council presented a proclamation Oct. 22 to Rockville Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Marji Graf celebrating small businesses and the contributions they make to the Rockville economy and community. The proclamation set aside Saturday, Nov. 24 – the Saturday following Thanksgiving – as Small Business Saturday in Rockville. To view the presentation of the proclamation, select the video icon with the Oct. 22 agenda at [www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter).



**MORE NEWS, MORE OFTEN, ON YOUTUBE ...** Now on Rockville 11's YouTube channel ([www.youtube.com/cityofrockville](http://www.youtube.com/cityofrockville)): Hear the #MyRockville story of a couple who is proud to be part of Rockville's LGBTQ community, watch the town hall on Rockville Town Center in its entirety, get tips from the Rockville City Police Department to stay one step ahead of scammers, and find out how you can help spread smiles during the annual Holiday Drive.



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**Work session: Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. Meeting: Monday, Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. Visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter).**

Drop-in sessions are held monthly at 5:30 p.m. in the Mayor and Council office. No appointment necessary. Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton is joined by Councilmember Mark Pierzchala on Nov. 19.

### Get Involved with the City

Stay informed of the business before city leaders and share your thoughts:

- **Follow the action in person:** Meetings are at 7 p.m. on most Mondays, at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., or follow from home on channel 11. Meetings are also available via live streaming, and on demand the day after the meeting, at [www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11).
- **Stop by a drop-in session:** The mayor and one councilmember meet with community members one Monday each month from 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- **Speak at Community Forum** (up to three minutes): Community Forum is held during each Mayor and Council meeting. Priority is given to speakers who have signed up in advance by calling 240-314-8280 by 4 p.m. on the day of the meeting, and to those who are speaking on an agenda item.

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## Mayor and Council to Hold Public Hearings on Filling Mayor or Councilmember Vacancies

### IF YOU GO

**WHAT:** Public hearings on amendments to clarify procedures in the event of a vacancy on the Mayor and Council.

**WHEN:** Monday, Nov. 19 at 7 p.m.

**WHERE:** Mayor and Council Chambers, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave.

**WATCH ONLINE:** [WWW.ROCKVILLEMD.GOV/VIDEOONDEMAND](http://WWW.ROCKVILLEMD.GOV/VIDEOONDEMAND)

The Mayor and Council will hold public hearings, Monday, Nov. 19, on amendments to the city code and charter that would clarify the process necessary to fill a mayor or councilmember vacancy.

The changes would specify requirements for a special election, including when that provision would be triggered, and when the Mayor and Council would instead have authority to select someone to fill the vacant seat.

To testify Nov. 19, call 240-

314-8280 by 4 p.m. the day before the hearings or by submitting testimony in writing to [cityclerk@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:cityclerk@rockvillemd.gov) or City Clerk's Office/Director of Council Operations, City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850.

Rockville Mayor and Council meetings are broadcast live on channel 11 on county cable systems, live streamed at [www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11) and available a day after the meeting at [www.rockvillemd.gov/videoondemand](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/videoondemand). ❖

### Town Hall on Town Square

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and Council, and the city manager, have been meeting regularly with FRIT and downtown merchants, and are working with the Rockville Chamber and Rockville Economic Development, Inc., to support and improve Rockville's downtown.

Despite recent business closures, Rockville Town Center

has continued to experience growth. The city is about to see several large residential and commercial projects break ground within the next year.

For Rockville 11's recap of the town hall, visit [www.youtube.com/cityofrockville](http://www.youtube.com/cityofrockville) and search for "Town Hall Meeting Recap," or for "Town Hall Meeting on Rockville Town Center (unedited)" for the full meeting video. ❖



**WIZARDS' CHAMBERS ...** The Rockville robotics team *Wizards.exe* – and their robot *G-Wiz* – brought their magic to the Mayor and Council chambers at City Hall on Oct. 8 as the team was honored for representing the United States at the **FIRST Global Challenge Championship in Mexico last summer.** Competing with teams from 185 countries, the team of Rockville students won the gold medal for engineering design and the silver medal First Global Challenge Award. To watch the presentation and see *Wizards.exe* in action, visit [youtube.com/cityofrockville](http://youtube.com/cityofrockville) and search "Wizards Recognition."

## Wanted: Budget Ideas and Suggestions

*Be Heard at Public Hearings and Through an Online Survey*

Opportunities for the community to help the city prioritize spending continue in November as the Mayor and Council begin work on the Fiscal Year 2020 budget.

A public hearing as part of the Mayor and Council meeting on Monday, Nov. 19 will give community members their first chance to provide in-person input for development of the operating budget and Capital Improvements Program for FY 2020, which begins July 1.

### Upcoming Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Calendar

Nov. 19	Budget Public Hearing
Dec. 10	Mayor and Council Budget Survey Results and Priorities
Feb. 25	Presentation of FY 2019 Proposed Budget
March-April	Budget Public Hearings and Work Sessions (Dates TBA)
May 6	Adoption of the FY 2020 Budget

Anyone wishing to testify at a public hearing should call 240-314-8280 before 4 p.m. on the hearing date to have their names placed on the speakers' list.

An online survey allows community members to choose their budget priorities and offer suggestions, including for increasing revenue, reducing or modifying current services, decreasing costs, and improving operational efficiencies. Staff will compile the online submissions and periodically submit them for the Mayor and Council's review and consideration.

Two additional public hearings and three work sessions will be held during Mayor and Council meetings in April and May, on dates yet to be announced. The Mayor and Council are scheduled to adopt the FY2020 budget in May. For more information and a link to the budget survey, visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/budget](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/budget) or call the Finance Department at 240-314-8400. ❖



**LEARN MORE ON ROCKVILLE 11**  
[www.youtube.com/cityofrockville](http://www.youtube.com/cityofrockville)

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- **Send an email** to [mayorandcouncil@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:mayorandcouncil@rockvillemd.gov).
- **Testify at a hearing** or in writing to [cityclerk@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:cityclerk@rockvillemd.gov) or by mail to the City Clerk's Office, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850.
- **Volunteer** to be on a board or commission. Learn more below and find other ways to give of your time and talents at [www.rockvillemd.gov/volunteer](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/volunteer).

### Boards and Commissions

Anyone interested in serving on a board or commission may write to: Mayor and Council, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, call 240-314-8280, or fill out and submit an expression of interest form at [www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions).

Note: Meetings are held at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., unless otherwise noted.

- **Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29** Development Review Committee 9 a.m.
- **Nov. 1**, Environment Commission 7 p.m.
- **Nov. 13**, Human Services Advisory Commission 6:30 p.m.
- **Nov. 14**, Cultural Arts Commission 7 p.m.
- **Nov. 14, 28**, Planning Commission 7 p.m.
- **Nov. 15**, Historic District Commission 7 p.m.
- **Nov. 20**, Rockville Seniors, Inc. 2 p.m. Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive.
- **Nov. 21**, Sign Review Board 9 a.m.
- **Nov. 21**, Rockville Sister City Corporation 7 p.m.

\*Televised on Rockville 11.

### Vacancies

The Mayor and Council are seeking applicants for the following boards and commissions:

- Animal Matters Board (1)
  - Board of Appeals (1 reg./1 alt.)
  - Board of Supervisors of Elections (1)
  - Compensation Comm. (5)
  - Cultural Arts Commission (1)
  - Environment Commission (1)
  - Financial Advisory Board (1)
  - Historic District Commission (3 reg./1 alt.)
  - Human Rights Commission (2)
  - Human Services Advisory Commission (3 at large; 1 caregiver)
  - Landlord-Tenant Affairs Commission (2)
  - Personnel Appeals Board (3)
  - Planning Commission (1)
  - Recreation and Park Advisory Board (1)
  - Rockville Housing Enterprises (1)
  - Senior Citizens Comm. (5)
- For more, visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions) or call 240-314-8280.



## Avoid Clogs, Fight FOG (Fats, Oils and Greases)

When the Thanksgiving feast is finished, don't pour fats, oils and grease (i.e., FOG) down the drain.

FOG poured down sinks solidifies when deposited into sewer lines, trapping solids and forming hard deposits



that can cause blockages in pipes. Blockages can lead to sewer backups and leaking pipes, which can mean costly damage to city infrastructure and private property.

Follow these tips to help prevent clogs and blockages:

- Avoid placing food that contains FOG in the garbage disposal.
- Use the garbage disposal only in rare instances. Do not regularly use it to grind up food waste.
- Scrape food and grease into the garbage before washing dishes.
- Use a paper towel or napkin to wipe away cooking oil or grease before washing dishes.
- Pour FOG into an empty can, let it cool to solidify and dispose of it as refuse.

For more information, call the Environmental Management Division at 240-314-8870.



## Volunteer to Shovel Snow for an Elderly Neighbor

### City Pairs Helpers with Seniors

Each winter the Rockville Senior Center looks for ways to help older Rockville residents with snow removal. If you're handy with a shovel and don't mind digging out an extra driveway or clearing a walkway or two, you can sign up and volunteer for the program.

The senior center's home maintenance coordinator organizes the program and can connect you with neighbors in need near your home. What better way to celebrate the season of selfless giving?

To sign up to volunteer or to request snow-shovel-

ing assistance, email Jerry Jones at [jjones@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:jjones@rockvillemd.gov), call him at 240-314-8819 or call the Senior Center Support Services office at 240-314-8810. To sign up for assistance or volunteer online, visit <http://bit.ly/snowshovelvolunteer>.

For more information about Rockville Senior Services, call 240-314-8800 or email [seniorcenter@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:seniorcenter@rockvillemd.gov).

When winter weather strikes, turn to the city's website at [www.rockvillemd.gov/winterweather](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/winterweather) for information about Rockville's snow removal policies. ❄️

## Make Your Yard Green and a Place for Wildlife to Be Seen

The city's RainScapes Rewards Program offers single-family homeowners and nonprofits, including religious institutions, private schools and homeowners associations, up to \$4,800 in rebates for landscaping that is designed to green backyards and reduce pollution.

The program offers rebates for planting trees and conservation landscaping, installing rain barrels, or removing pavement – actions that can reduce flooding, decrease pollution in local streams, and attract birds and butterflies and beneficial insects.

To learn more, visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/rainscapes](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/rainscapes) or contact [rainscapes@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:rainscapes@rockvillemd.gov) or 240-314-8870.

Looking to get even closer to nature? Landscaping is key to providing a hospitable place for wildlife. The National Wildlife Federation

has certified Rockville as a Community Wildlife Habitat. Homeowners, businesses, schools, universities, places of worship, parks, civic and community organizations, and others can create wildlife-friendly landscapes and earn certification as well.

Certified wildlife habitats must provide the four basic elements that all wildlife needs: food, water, cover and places to raise young. These certified habitats help to create corridors for wildlife to thrive throughout the community. Like RainScapes Rewards, the program also encourages gardening in an environmentally friendly way, planting native species of plants and replacing lawns with trees, shrubs and other plants.

To find resources and learn more about becoming certified, visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/wildlifehabitat](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/wildlifehabitat). ❄️

## Rockville Recycles: From Cans to Computers – And Plenty in Between

America Recycles Day is Thursday, Nov. 15. Find a list of common items Rockville recycles in the box below and at [www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-trash](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-trash).

Rockville also recycles metal items, including air conditioners, water heaters, refrigerators (with doors removed), grills, lawn mowers and more. For a complete list, select "Metal Recycling" under the "Special Collections" tab on the webpage above. Other special collection items include:

- Bulk refuse, for which Rockville provides six special collections per household per calendar year of items such as wooden furniture, fencing, landscape ties and construction debris.
- Electronics, such as televi-

sions, computers, printers, small electronics, cords and cables.

- Hazardous household waste, such as oil-based paints, cleaners, oils, batteries and pesticides.

Call 240-314-8568 or email [refuse@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:refuse@rockvillemd.gov) to schedule a special collection, start service, get a larger recycling cart, report a missed collection, verify collection schedules or ask a question.

The city no longer accepts materials for recycling that are in plastic bags or that contain plastic bags. Many grocery or retail stores offer plastic bag collection bins near their entrances. Find a drop-off location at <http://bit.ly/howtorecyclebags>.

For more information on America Recycles Day, visit [americarecyclesday.org](http://americarecyclesday.org). ❄️

## Rockville Recycles

- Newspapers, bottles, cans (including empty aerosol cans) and cardboard.
- Rigid plastics, including toys, buckets, flower pots, laundry baskets and clothes hangers.
- Wax-coated milk and juice boxes, all junk mail (including those with plastic windows), catalogs and pizza boxes with minor grease.



## Holiday Shopping?

### Save Money While Supporting Your Community.

Buy a Rockville Rewards card and get discounts at nearly 150 Rockville area businesses. All proceeds support one of more than 25 participating local nonprofits.

[www.rockvillerewards.com](http://www.rockvillerewards.com)

## We Need Your Support!



Rockville Recreation and Parks Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization established to:

- Improve recreational activities, programs, parks and facilities.
- Support the Rockville Youth Recreation Fund.
- Assist with fundraising, and the acquisition and maintenance of new parks and open space.
- Purchase equipment and other amenities for the city's parks and facilities.



Please send your tax deductible gift to:  
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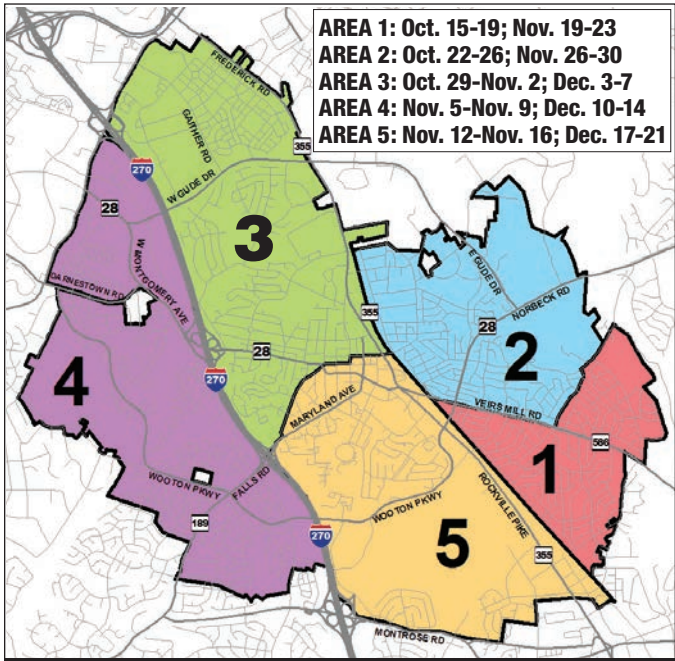


**SUSTAINABLE ROCKVILLE ...** The city was recognized for a third time as a Sustainable Maryland community and earned the program's Sustainability Champion designation, at the Maryland Municipal League's fall conference on Oct. 12 in Annapolis. Rockville amassed more points than any other community for sustainability efforts that include its 28th consecutive year as a Tree City USA, its diversity and inclusion initiatives, its green schools, its community garden plots and health assessments of its three watersheds. Pictured above (L to R) are: Rockville Green Team member Steve Sprague; Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton; Green Team member Larissa Johnson; Rockville's chief of environmental management, Mark Charles; Councilmember Virginia D. Onley; and Green Team Chair John Becker. Learn more at <http://sustainablemaryland.com>.



**BE CART SMART ...** Throwing out plastic bags, clothes or a garden hose? Please don't use the brown recycling cart – put them in the gray trash cart. Or, to find a nearby grocery store that accepts plastic bags for recycling, visit <http://bit.ly/howtorecyclebags>. Got a city cart that's falling apart? Call 240-314-8568. We'll replace it for you.





See interactive map at [www.rockvillemd.gov/leafcollection](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/leafcollection).

## Rake 'Em In Rockville (Leaves, That Is!)

### Second Round of Fall Leaf Collection Begins This Month

Rockville crews are vacuuming leaves from neighborhood curbs, with the second of two rounds beginning Monday, Nov. 19.

Rake leaves next to, but out of, roadways, gutters and bike lanes, and away from parked vehicles. Leaves should be raked by 6 a.m. on the first day of their collection period, but no earlier than one week before the collection dates to avoid grass damage or fire hazards. Remove sticks and other objects from leaf piles. Avoid parking near leaf piles or other vehicles.

After the collection pe-

riod ends, use biodegradable paper lawn bags or 32-gallon trash cans (without plastic garbage bags) to set leaves out on your refuse and recycling collection day. Use alternative disposal methods such as mulching or composting. Do not dump leaves, grass clippings or other yard waste into storm drains, along stream banks or directly into streams, where they can cause blockages that contribute to localized flooding or release nutrients that lead to fish kills. ❖

## City is Ahead of Stormwater Management Goals

Rockville is years ahead in attaining a goal for treating stormwater and is working to stay ahead of the needs created by development planned for the city in the coming years, city staff told the Mayor and Council during a presentation, Oct. 15.

The presentation included an overview of requirements of a new federal permit that regulates pollutants discharged into waterways. One such requirement calls for the city to develop a plan, by 2023, to treat 20 percent of the impervious surface (e.g., roads, parking lots and rooftops) within Rockville.

While the city believes it has already met the 20 percent goal, the Maryland Department of Environment must confirm that the goal has been reached. Meanwhile, city staff is proposing minor changes to the city's stormwater management program. These changes will allow Rockville to meet new permit requirements for controlling pollution at its source, and to respond to the city's stormwater needs as more land is developed in coming years.

The city is looking to make these changes while maintaining the Stormwater Utility Fee at its current rate through Fiscal Year 2021, which ends June 30, 2022. Every property owner in the city pays the fee, including the city itself. All residential property owners pay a flat fee of \$132 per year. Businesses, houses of worship, government agencies and schools each pay a

fee based on the amount of impervious surface on their property.

The rate goes toward a variety of activities, including enforcing water quality protection ordinances, regulating stormwater management treatment during development and Capital Improvements Program projects such as stream restorations, storm drain rehabilitation and improvements to stormwater management ponds. One such project will dredge and deepen a 38-year-old pond on Mt. Vernon Place, expanding its capacity to collect and slowly release stormwater. Doing so helps prevent erosion and flooding downstream. It also reduces pollution in local tributaries that flow to the Chesapeake Bay.

Since Rockville created the first stormwater program in Maryland, in 1978, to address flooding, the program has evolved to focus on protecting water quality. Proposed changes to the program include additional resources to handle more complex tracking and reporting requirements, and more stringent design review and construction management for construction projects, and to expand the city's commercial compliance inspection program to effectively stop pollution at its source.

To learn more about proposed changes to the program, find the staff report attached to the Oct. 15 Mayor and Council agenda at [www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter). ❖

## Don't Fall Back on a Faulty Smoke Detector

Daylight saving time comes to an end at 2 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 4, and clocks need to be wound back an hour, which you'll probably want to do before you go to bed on Saturday. The annual time change is also a good reminder to check your home's smoke alarms — they're the best way of notifying you and your family of a fire.

State law requires that battery-operated smoke alarms be replaced every 10 years from the date of manufacture. The devices should also be tested at least once a month.

State law also calls for older smoke alarms to be replaced with new, sealed, long-life battery-powered smoke alarms. Hardwired 120-volt electric smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years with new 120-volt smoke alarms with battery backup to ensure proper and timely operation in a fire.

Homeowners with hardwired smoke alarms should not replace their devices with battery-powered alarms. Fire code-compliant smoke alarms can be purchased at most home improvement stores.

For more information visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/firesafety](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/firesafety) or email Timothy Diehl, city fire marshal, at [tdiehl@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:tdiehl@rockvillemd.gov).

## How to Report Problematic Streetlights

Ever looked up at a flickering streetlight, one with a dead bulb — or one that's on during daylight hours, and wondered who you should tell?

Lights on wooden utility poles are fed by overhead power and, in most cases, are owned and maintained by Pepco. (About 25 wooden-pole mounted lights on Route 28 are the responsibility of the city.)

Lights on metal poles are fed by underground power and, in most cases, are owned and maintained by the city. (Some metal poles on private streets are maintained by homeowners associations.)

In both cases, wiring serving the majority of lights is maintained by Pepco. For power outages affecting those streetlights, Pepco makes the repair.

Outages or problems with lights on wooden, Pepco-owned poles can be reported using the mapping engine at [pepco.streetlightoutages.com/map/default.html](http://pepco.streetlightoutages.com/map/default.html). When reporting, it's useful to note the closest street address and the number posted on the pole. Once the report is filed, Pepco emails a tracking number, location and pole number. An email confirmation is sent when the repair has been completed, which, in most cases, is within 15 days.

For problems with lights on city-owned metal poles — including lights that are on during daylight hours, file a report at [www.rockvillemd.gov/formcenter/public-works-8/report-a-streetlight-outage-or-problem-226](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/formcenter/public-works-8/report-a-streetlight-outage-or-problem-226). A map linked to the report form helps users identify the light's location. Providing the nearest street address is also a big help. City staff will respond with updates on the repair.

## Mayor and Council Set Goal of Zero Traffic-Related Deaths and Injuries

### Vision Zero Resolution Calls for 'Holistic Approach' to Safer Roads

The Mayor and Council set a goal of eliminating traffic-related deaths and serious injuries on Rockville roads within 12 years as they voted unanimously Oct. 15 to endorse Vision Zero, an initiative to create safer streets through improved design, traffic law enforcement and education.

First introduced in Sweden in 1997 as a countrywide response to increasing traffic fatalities and serious injuries, the initiative makes the safety and health of humans the top priority in road net-

work design.

The Mayor and Council resolution "endorses Vision Zero as a comprehensive and holistic approach" to achieving the goal. It calls for guidelines that "identify a combination of equitable engineering, enforcement, education and evaluation, along with associated funding needed for the city to reach the goal toward zero deaths and serious injuries by 2030."

City staff will work with the Traffic and Transportation Commission, in coop-

eration with Montgomery County, to develop Vision Zero recommendations and policies that could be adopted by the Mayor and Council by summer 2019. Vision Zero is a priority initiative of the Mayor and Council as part of their goal of creating safe and livable neighborhoods. Rockville would join Montgomery County, Boston, New York, Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., and others in adopting such a plan.

Montgomery County adopted a Vision Zero action plan for the county

one year ago. The county's two-year plan sets a date of 2030 to achieve zero deaths, defines activities for county agencies to take to implement the plan, and recommends policy changes at state and local levels. City staff is collaborating with the county to review the countywide plan to determine how it might tie in with Rockville's proposed plan.

For more information, contact Oleg Kotov at [okotov@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:okotov@rockvillemd.gov) or 240-314-8527. ❖



**COMFORT FROM THE COLD ...** As the cold weather sets in, if you see someone in need, call Montgomery County's 24-Hour Crisis Center Hotline at 240-777-4000. Anyone who is in an emergency situation and needs assistance to stay warm can visit the center at 1301 Piccard Drive. The hotline and Crisis Center are staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For more information, visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hhs/programindex/crisisservicesindex.html](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hhs/programindex/crisisservicesindex.html).

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**If You're Visiting The Mansion...** The Glenview Mansion will have limited access until late February due to the construction of new ADA compliant parking and access.

## Rockville 10K/5K to Close Roads at King Farm

Residents and visitors can expect several street closures when runners in the 43rd Annual Rockville 10K/5K race through the King Farm neighborhood on Sunday morning, Nov. 4.

Streets that will be closed from about 8 a.m.-10:30 a.m. include:

- Redland Boulevard, west of Grand Champion Drive.
- Pleasant Drive, west of King Farm Boulevard.
- Gaither Road.
- Piccard Drive, between Redland Boulevard and West Gude Drive.
- West Gude Drive, between Piccard Drive and Route 355 (Frederick Road).

Rockville City Police Department officers and volunteer course marshals will oversee the street closures as runners pass through the course. The King Farm Village Center area will be closed to traffic until about 11 a.m. due to post-race events.

For more information and a course map, visit [www.rockville10k5k.com](http://www.rockville10k5k.com).

## Winter and Senior Recreation Guides to Publish This Month

Look for Rockville's latest 2018-2019 winter guide, "LIFE in Rockville," which lists all the programs, events, classes and fun available from the city's Recreation and Parks Department.

Rockville has something for you and your kids to take part in, whether it's preschool programs, sports, arts, dance or getting fit.

Also look for "60+," the Rockville Senior Center's guide to classes, programs and events for those aged 60 and older.

The guides will be available in print and online by Monday, Nov. 26.

General registration for Recreation and Parks programs begins Thursday, Nov. 29. Find the current recreation guides at [www.rockville.md.gov/guide](http://www.rockville.md.gov/guide), and search and sign up for courses and programs at [www.rockvillemd.gov/registration](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/registration).

## Let the Swim Center Help You be a Better Triathlon Swimmer

Swimming is often the weakest event faced by triathletes, which is why the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center offers two swimming programs geared specifically to the open-water component of a triathlon.

The center's certified coaches understand the challenges of open-water swimming and the need to swim efficiently. Beginners to world-class triathletes can take part. Register with the course numbers listed below at [www.rockvillemd.gov/registration](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/registration).

**Triathlon Swim Skills:** Designed so athletes develop a more efficient freestyle stroke and prepare for open-water swimming. 8:05-8:55 a.m. Sundays, from Oct. 28-Dec. 16; course #6259. The cost is \$64 for members, \$72 for nonmembers.

**Triathlete Swim Endurance:** For athletes preparing for Olympic to Ironman distance races or open-water swims. 7-8:30 p.m. Sundays, from Oct. 28-Dec. 16; course #6561. The cost is \$95 for members, \$107 for nonmembers.

Find out about Rockville Swim and Fitness Center pool schedules, seasonal hours, personal training opportunities and more at [www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter).



**IT'S SO NICE ON ICE ...** Green leaves on the trees didn't stop skaters as the ice rink at Rockville Town Square opened for the season in late October. At 7,200 square feet, it is the largest in all of Montgomery County. Rink hours are noon-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; noon-11 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday. The rink offers extended hours during the holidays and when schools are closed. Learn more at [rockvilletownsquare.com/at-the-square/ice-rink](http://rockvilletownsquare.com/at-the-square/ice-rink) or call 301-545-1999.

## Better Aging: Holiday Eating Help and a More Peaceful You

Get fitter and be happier as you age, with help from these courses at the Rockville Senior Center.

- **Healthy Eating During the Holidays.** 1-2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15.

Find out how to optimize the day-to-day food choices that impact your everyday health. A registered dietician discusses the basics of meal planning, what to look for on food labels and diet modifications to help you look and feel your best throughout the holiday season. Register with course #6956 for this free seminar.

- **Self Help with Jin Shin Jyutsu.** 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 30-Nov. 13.

This ancient healing art helps balance the body's energy and promotes optimum health and healing. Simple self-help will be taught for daily maintenance and to help issues such as stress, tiredness and insomnia, and preventing colds, stomach

aches, pain, breathing problems and much more.

Register with course #6957. The cost is \$30 for members and \$40 for nonmembers.

- **Stress-Reduction Meditation.** 1-2 p.m.

Ongoing on Mondays until Nov. 19.

Offering the tools to focus, relax and come to a more peaceful sense of being, with time for discussion and meditation. Register with course #6197. The cost is \$30 for members and \$40 for nonmembers.

- **Skin-Care Clinic.**

Ongoing on the second Friday of each month.

Call for an appointment. Contact Betty at 240-314-8803 to register. Medicare will be charged.

For more on the Rockville Senior Center, visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/seniorcenter](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/seniorcenter). The senior center is located at 1150 Carnation Drive. ❖

## Coming up at the F. Scott Theater: A Disappearing Scottish Town, Russia Comes to Rockville, a Look West and Holiday Ballets

**"Brigadoon,"** presented by Rockville Musical Theatre. 8 p.m. Nov. 2, 3, 9, and 10; 2 p.m. Nov. 4 and 11.

The mystery and beauty of the Scottish Highlands is the backdrop for Lerner and Loewe's magical tale about following your heart and the power of love. With music by Frederick Loewe, and book and lyrics by Alan Jay Lerner. Directed by Laura W. Andruski, with musical direction by Joseph Sorge and choreography by Valerie Mikles.

Tickets for adults cost \$25; \$23 for seniors (62 and older) and students.

**Association of Russian-speaking Theaters presents "Peter Pan."** 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15.

In Russian, with songs and dance specifically written for the show by Alexander Bondarev and lyrics by Borris Zakhoder, this classic tale features flights to the stars, a mysterious tropical island, dangerous battles and angry pirates.

Tickets for adults cost \$20; seniors, students and children, \$15.

**"Moscow Broadway,"** presented by the Association of Russian-speaking Theaters. 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16.

Diana Lyubimova and Igor Portnoy, stars of Russian musical theater, perform in "Moscow Broadway," which presents Broadway and Russian theater's most popular hits.

Tickets are \$35.

**The Washington Balalaika Society presents "Russian Winter."** 8 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 17.

Features baritone Isaiah Trofimenko and soprano Irina Zagornova.

Tickets for adults are \$25; seniors, \$20; students, \$15; and children younger than 12 are free.

**"Head West!"** presented by the Rockville Concert Band. 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18.

With Steven Wampler, guest conductor. Musical selections depict the American West, from the old West, to the rugged landscape, to the rivers, open plains and cities that remind us why we look to the land of the setting sun.

No tickets required, but a \$5 donation is suggested.

**Hope Garden Children's Ballet Theatre presents "A Christmas Carol."** 1:30 and 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24.

A ballet adaptation of Charles Dickens' iconic holiday story.

Tickets: Adults, \$30; seniors, students, children, \$25; military/veteran, \$25.

**Rockville Civic Ballet presents "The Nutcracker."** 2 and 7:30 p.m. Saturdays, Dec. 1 and 8; 2 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 2 and 9.

Join Clara on her magical journey!

Tickets: Adults, \$17; seniors 60 and older and children 12 and younger, \$13.

For tickets or more information, visit [www.rockville.md.gov/theatre](http://www.rockville.md.gov/theatre), call the box office at 240-314-8690, or email [theatre@rockville.md.gov](mailto:theatre@rockville.md.gov). F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre is located at 603 Edmonston Drive. ❖



## RECOGNIZING RRPFI's DECADE OF HELPING ...

The Rockville Recreation and Parks Foundation celebrated its 10th anniversary at the Croydon Creek Nature Center on Wednesday, Oct. 10. The Board of Directors thanked volunteers and donors who helped the foundation raise more than \$100,000 over the past 10 years. Contributions from the foundation include support for the Recreation Fund to help send kids to camp and other activities; purchasing equipment, such as accessible birdwatching binoculars, pictured, at Croydon Creek Nature Center; electronic scoreboards and safety wall pads; and helping to renovate the ballfields at Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park to increase durability and playing time. The Rockville Recreation and Parks Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide funding and facilitate efforts to improve recreation activities, opportunities and facilities in Rockville. To learn more, visit [www.rrpfi.org](http://www.rrpfi.org).



**WHAT WE'RE CELEBRATING THIS MONTH ...** November is Municipal Government Works Week (the Mayor and Council passed a proclamation on this in October). It's also National Native American Heritage Month, National Novel Writing Month, Military Family Appreciation Month, Alzheimer's Disease Month and Gratitude Month (so thanks for being a "Rockville Reports" reader!).



# November CALENDAR

**CC** Croydon Creek Nature Ctr., 852 Avery Rd., 240-314-8770.

**GM** Glenview Mansion, 603 Edmonston Dr., 240-314-8660.

**FSF** F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, 603 Edmonston Dr., 240-314-8690.

**LP** Lincoln Park Community Ctr., 357 Frederick Ave., 240-314-8780.

**CH** Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., 240-314-5000.

**SR** Rockville Senior Ctr., 1150 Carnation Dr., 240-314-8800.

## FACILITIES LEGEND:

**SFC** Rockville Swim and Fitness Ctr., 355 Martins Lane, 240-314-8750.

**TF** Thomas Farm Community Ctr., 700 Falls Grove Dr., 240-314-8840.

**TC** Twinbrook Comm. Rec. Ctr., 12920 Twinbrook Pkwy., 240-314-8830.



**2,3,4,9,10,11** ROCKVILLE MUSICAL THEATRE PRESENTS "BRIGADOON." See article on page 6. 8 p.m. Nov. 2, 3, 9 and 10; 2 p.m. Nov. 4 and 11. **FSF**

**3,10,17** ROCKVILLE FARMERS MARKET. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Corner of Route 28 and Monroe Street in the jury parking lot. See article on page 2.

**4** 43RD ANNUAL ROCKVILLE 10K/5K. 8 a.m. King Farm. See article on page 6.

**4** WEBELO ADVENTURE: INTO THE WILD. Naturalists help you complete all of the necessary requirements for the Into The Wild adventure. All materials are provided; pins are not. Programs held rain or shine. Dress for the weather. To register, email Melinda at mnorton@rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8771. 2 p.m. **CC**

**4** 2018 AUTUMN FILM SERIES AT THE ROCKVILLE MEMORIAL LIBRARY. "Is Anybody Listening?" is one woman's search for ways to bridge the chasms between veterans and non-veterans. A discussion with the filmmaker, NAACP officials and veterans follows the film. Free. 2 p.m. First floor meeting room of the library, 21 Maryland Ave.

**6** ELECTION DAY. City Hall and some city facilities closed. See article on page 1 and ad below.

**7** NATURE TOTS: NUTS AND SEEDS. Discover the wonders of nature with your child. Each session, a naturalist helps you delve into a different nature topic through nature play, crafts, stories and hikes. Dress for the weather. Adult participation required. Spaces are limited. Ages 2-5 years. Register for course #6068. \$8 R/\$10 NR. 10-11:30 a.m. **CC**

**7** ROCKVILLE BREWSHED. Great beer begins with healthy water. Croydon Creek Nature Center, along with the Rockville Watershed Committee, are teaming up with True Respite Brewing Company to explore how healthy watersheds make great beer. Advanced registration required. Register for course #6071. Must be 21 or older to attend. 7-8:30 p.m. Free. 7301 Calhoun Place, Suite 600.

**10** LITTLE ACORNS: FRUITS OF FALL. Explore nature with your little ones through a variety of play-based activities. Time will be spent outdoors, weather permitting. Adult participation required. Spaces are limited. Advanced registration recommended. Ages 18-36 months. Register for #6059. \$7 R/\$9 NR. 10-11 a.m. **CC**

**11** VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY. Join Rockville's Mayor and Council at this annual ceremony in honor of the men and women who served in the nation's armed forces. American Legion Post 86 will lead the wreath-laying ceremony and their Honor Guard will present a 21-gun salute. 11 a.m.-noon. Veterans Park, intersection of Route 28 and Rockville Pike.

**12** VETERANS DAY OBSERVED. City Hall and some city facilities closed. See article on page 1.

**15** ANNUAL TURKEY TROT. Walk a mile through the Woodley Gardens neighborhood. To burn off extra calories, continue on for a second mile. Bring a canned food item to support the local food bank or donate to the Senior Assistance Fund. Rain or shine. 10-11:30 a.m. **SR**

**15** HEALTHY EATING DURING THE HOLIDAYS. Optimize day-to-day food choices that impact everyday health. See article on page 6. **SR**

**15** ASSOCIATION OF RUSSIAN-SPEAKING THEATERS PRESENTS "PETER PAN." See article on page 6. 6:30 p.m. **FSF**

**15** BUBBLES AND BUBBLY. Spend an evening learning how to make bath products such as bath bombs, salt scrubs and soaks while enjoying sparkling adult beverages, hors d'oeuvres and great company. Share ideas and recipes. Take home at least four completed projects. Must be at least 21 years old to attend. Register for course #5997. \$30 R/\$35 NR. 7-8:30 p.m. **CC**

**16** ASSOCIATION OF RUSSIAN-SPEAKING THEATERS PRESENTS "MOSCOW BROADWAY." See article on page 6. 7 p.m. **FSF**

**16** ROCKVILLE TOWN SQUARE HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING. Featuring performances by Dan Haas and Dawn Crafton Dance Connection, and visits with Santa. 6-9 p.m. 131 Gibbs St.

**17** NATURE TOTS: ROCKS ROCK. Discover the wonders of nature with your child. Each session, a naturalist helps you delve into a different nature topic through nature play, crafts, stories and hikes. Dress for the weather. Adult participation required. Spaces are limited. Ages 2-5 years. Register for course #6069. \$8 R/\$10 NR. 10-11:30 a.m. **CC**

**17** WASHINGTON BALALAIKA SOCIETY PRESENTS "RUSSIAN WINTER." See article on page 6. 8 p.m. **FSF**

**18** OUTDOOR SCIENCE CLUB: GEOLOGY. Young scientists investigate a variety of science topics through hands-on activities and time spent exploring the forest preserve and surrounding areas. Ages 6-8 years. No adult participation required. Register for course #6064. 1:30-3:30 p.m. **CC**

**18** ROCKVILLE CONCERT BAND PRESENTS "HEAD WEST!" See article on page 6. 3-5 p.m. **FSF**

**20** LITTLE ACORNS: EXPLORING AUTUMN. Explore nature with your little ones through a variety of play-based activities. Time will be spent outdoors, weather permitting. Adult participation required. Spaces are limited. Advanced registration recommended. Ages 18-36 months. Register for #6060. \$7 R/\$9 NR. 10-11 a.m. **CC**

**22** THANKSGIVING. All city facilities closed. See article on page 1.

**23** CITY HALL CLOSED. Certain other city facilities will also be closed. See article on page 1.

**24** SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY. See photo on page 2.

**24** HOPE GARDEN CHILDREN'S BALLET THEATRE PRESENTS "A CHRISTMAS CAROL." See article on page 6. 1:30-3:30 p.m. and 6-8:30 p.m. **FSF**

# VOTE

**Election Day: Tuesday, Nov. 6,  
7 a.m.-8 p.m.**

The U.S. Senate and Congress, Maryland governor, state senators and delegates, state comptroller, state attorney general, Montgomery County executive, County Council, and judges are on the ballot.

[elections.maryland.gov](http://elections.maryland.gov)  
call 1-800-222-8683 or email [info.sbe@maryland.gov](mailto:info.sbe@maryland.gov)

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**HOLIDAY**  
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Sponsored by Rockville Seniors, Inc.

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Handmade Crafts • Book Sale • Raffle • Bake Sale • Plant Sale • Gift Shop and Thrift Shop Open.

Lunch is available for purchase. Tables available for craft vendors. Call 240-314-8800 for more information.



Rockville offers a variety of classes and programs each season. Sign up at:

[www.rockvillemd.gov/registration](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/registration).

Enter the course number listed on the calendar entry to see more details and register.

R = Residents • NR = Nonresidents • MEM = Member • NM = Nonmember

FOR MORE INFO AND UP-TO-DATE EVENT LISTINGS: [WWW.ROCKVILLEMD.GOV/CALENDAR.ASPX](http://WWW.ROCKVILLEMD.GOV/CALENDAR.ASPX)



## King Farm Farmstead Horse Barn to be Stabilized

A horse barn on the historic King Farm Farmstead in Rockville will be shored up and stabilized following a vote by the Mayor and Council at their Monday, Oct. 8 meeting.

The barn has significant structural deficiencies, according to a staff report presented at the Oct. 8 meeting, and is in danger of collapsing under its own weight or deteriorating further from weather conditions.

The stabilization is intended to protect the barn's structure for about two years until a use for the barn is determined and funds are budgeted for disassembly and reconstruction, salvaging historic resources for reuse.

The King Farm Farmstead, 1101 Grand Champion Drive, is comprised of eight buildings on 7 acres at the northern edge of the King Farm neighborhood. The farmstead was designated a historic district in 2006.

For more information, including the project's budget, go to page 294 of the Fiscal Year 2019 Adopted Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program at [www.rockvillemd.gov/budget](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/budget).

## Better Water, Better Beer

*Learn Why We Need Healthy Watersheds and Enjoy a Brew*

Healthy watersheds make for better beer and you'll be able to taste the clean-water difference at an event jointly hosted by Croydon Creek Nature Center, the Rockville Environment Commission and local craft beer makers, True Respite Brewing Company.

Enjoy an adult evening of beer tasting and a little education about watersheds, 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7, at True Respite's brewery, 7301 Calhoun Place (Suite 600). Advance registration is required. Visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/) registration, and sign up with course #6071.

To learn more about Croydon Creek Nature Center, visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/croydoncreek](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/croydoncreek).

## Help Your Neighbors, Help Others with Rockville's Annual Holiday Drive

The 2018 Rockville Holiday Drive is officially underway! For more than four-and-a-half decades, Rockville has sponsored outreach that brings the community together each year to provide food baskets, gift certificates and toys to needy Rockville families throughout the Thanksgiving and December holidays.

*Some ways you can make a difference in 2018:*

- Send a tax-deductible contribution (checks can be made payable to Rockville Holiday Drive Fund, and sent to 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850.) Donations help Rockville buy healthy food options for individuals and families.
- Organize a canned food drive (with a focus on healthier food like low-sodium beans and soups, no-sugar-added canned fruits and whole-wheat pasta).
- Pack or deliver Thanksgiving food baskets.
- Organize a toy or book drive to collect new unwrapped toys or books (new books for children of all ages, including teenagers, are needed).
- Donate \$20 gift certificates for Giant or Target.

Find information on the 2018 Holiday Drive at [www.rockvillemd.gov/holidaydrive](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/holidaydrive) and see the cover of this issue's "Rockville's Caregiving Agencies" insert.



## Questions, Concerns or Ideas?

Reach out to Rockville City Manager Rob DiSpirito at [rdispirito@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:rdispirito@rockvillemd.gov) or 240-314-8102.

## Rockville to Salute Residents' Service at Veterans Day Ceremony

A Rockville veteran of the United States Army will be the featured speaker as the city honors veterans of our nation's armed forces at 11 a.m. on Veterans Day, Sunday, Nov. 11, at Veterans Park.

The ceremony, which is open to the public, will include a wreath laying, a military salute by the American Legion Post 86 Honor Guard and a bell tolling to honor World War I veterans, part of a national bell tolling initiative organized by the United States World War I Centennial Commission. (Learn more at [ww1cc.org/bells](http://ww1cc.org/bells).) A reception will follow at American Legion Post 86, at 2013 Veirs Mill Road.

This year's featured speaker is Michele Marsden. Marsden enlisted in the Women's Army Corps in 1975 in the delayed-entry program, entering active duty in January 1976. Her first duty assignment was to Fort Ord, California, followed by a two-year tour in the U.S. Army Garrison in South Korea.

After receiving an honorable discharge after five years of active duty, she



**Michele Marsden.**

enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve 416th Engineer Command near Chicago for a one-year enlistment, which turned into 17 years of reserve service. During that time, she earned the rank of sergeant major at age 38. Marsden retired from the reserves in 1997.

Since then, she has worked as a professional trainer, first in private industry and now in the federal government as a training specialist with the Heath Resources and Services Administration in Rockville.

For more information, visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/veteransday](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/veteransday), email [specialevents@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:specialevents@rockvillemd.gov) or call 240-314-8620. ✚

### IF YOU GO

**WHAT:** Veterans Day Ceremony

**WHEN:** Sunday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m.

**WHERE:** Veterans Park, intersection of Route 28 and Rockville Pike.

**PARKING:** Free at Sandy Spring Bank, 611 Rockville Pike.

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**BACK IN THE DAY ...** F. Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald were reburied, this month in 1975, in what the "City of Rockville Newsletter" of the time describes as a "quiet ceremony" at St. Mary's Cemetery. The couple had lain in Rockville Union Cemetery until a church ruling allowed them to be moved to St. Mary's, where the gravesite remains today.

## City Hall Closures

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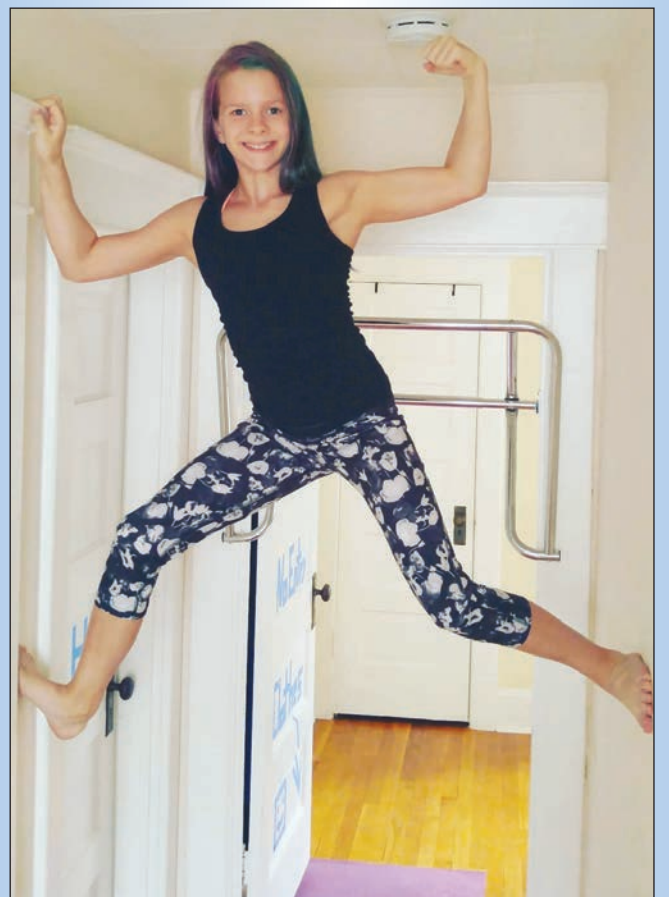
with Thursday collection on Friday. The city's Veterans Day ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 11. Learn more at [www.rockvillemd.gov/veteransday](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/veteransday) and in the article on this page.

- **Thursday, Nov. 22** (Thanksgiving Day) and Friday, Nov. 23: City Hall, the Senior Center, Glenview Mansion and the Fitzgerald Theatre box office will be closed. Fitzgerald theater tickets are always available at [www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre). Recycling and trash normally collected on Thursdays will be collected Friday, Nov. 23. For more informa-

tion on recycling and trash collection, visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-trash](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-trash), or call 240-314-8568.

- **Facilities closed Nov. 22 and open for the following hours Nov. 23:** Croydon Creek Nature Center (10 a.m.-2 p.m.); Lincoln Park, Thomas Farm and Twinbrook community centers (10 a.m.-6 p.m.). Rockville Swim and Fitness Center north pool and fitness room (6 a.m.-9 p.m.). South pool closed. Visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter) for more information.

- **Parking** at city-owned meters will be free on Nov. 6, 12, 22 and 23. Learn more at [www.rockvillemd.gov](http://www.rockvillemd.gov) or by calling 240-314-5000. ✚



## ROCKVILLE HAS ITS OWN AMERICAN NINJA WARRIOR JUNIOR!

**Riley MacArthur, 10, will appear on the show's coming episodes. Watch out for Rockville 11's feature on this talented young athlete at [www.youtube.com/cityofrockville](http://www.youtube.com/cityofrockville) and learn more about "American Ninja Warrior Junior" at [www.universalkids.com/shows/american-ninja-warrior-junior](http://www.universalkids.com/shows/american-ninja-warrior-junior).**